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SUBJECT: UGANDAN REFUGEES AND AFRICAN EVANGELISTIC  
ENTERPRISES

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1. DIVERSE UGANDAN REFUGEE COMMUNITY INCLUDES BOTH  
SECULAR AND CHURCH-BASED(MOSTLY EPISCOPALIAN) ORGANIZATIONS.  
SECULAR GROUPS INCLUDEGODFREY BINAISA'S FREE UGANDA  
MOVEMENT IN NEW YORK, AND UGANDA HUMAN RIGHTS SOCIETY OF  
ERNEST, R.M.(SIC) OF LONDON. EACH REFUGEE BISHOP APPEARS  
TO HAVE HIS OWN FOLLOWING IN EPISCOPALIAN CIRCLES. YONA  
OKOTH, BISHOP OF BUKEDI, WAS IN LIBERIA AND IS NOW IN FRONT  
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ROYAL, VIRGINIA. HE IS THE SENIOR OF THE FOUR, BUT IS MORE  
ACTIVE AS PUBLICIST THAN ORGANIZER3ENONI Y. OGWAL, BISHOP  
OF NORTHERN UGANDA, WHO MAY BE AN ACHOLI, IS NOW LIVING IN  
LONDON, ONTARIO, AND APPEARS CONCERNED WITH UGANDANS IN  
CANADA. MELCHIZEDIK OTIM, BISHOP OF LANGO, WHO MAY  
;IMSELF BE A LANGO, IS RESIDENT IN KENYA, APPARENTLY OUT-  
SIDE NAIROBI, AND WE HAVE LITTLE INFORMATION ON HIS PRESENT

ACTIVITIES. HE IS AN ABLE SPEAKER AND QUITE IMPRESSIVE. FESTO KIVENGERE, BISHOP OF KIGEZI, IS BASED IN PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, AND IS AN ACTIVE ORGANIZER. MARTIN ALIKER'S ST. FRANCIS FUND IN NAIROBI ALSO FITS INTO THE EPISCOPALIAN

CIRCLE. THE EPISCOPALIAN CONSIDER THE REVEREND JOHN WILSON TO BE OUTSIDE THE EPISCOPALIAN STREAM, ALTHOUGH HE IS HIMSELF AN EPISCOPALIAN MINISTER AND APPARENTLY, IS A DEAN AT NAIROBI CATHEDRAL.

2. AFRICAN ENTERPRISE IS CALIFORNIA-BASED ORGANIZATION DEVOTED TO FUND-RAISING IN SUPPORT OF EVANGELISTIC ENDEAVORS WORLD-WIDE, AND NOT ONLY AFRICA. KIVENGERE HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THIS EFFORT FOR SOME TIME, AND SINCE LEAVING UGANDA HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN REFUGEE ORIENTED ACTIVITIES. ONE PAID EMPLOYEE IS NOW DEVOTED TO HELPING UGANDAN REFUGEES. THERE SEEMS A POSSIBILITY THAT THEY WILL INTEREST THEMSELVES IN ETHIOPIAN REFUGEES AS WELL. THEY APPARENTLY HIRED A PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM TO PREPARE A PLEASANT BROCHURE ANNOUNCING THE CREATION OF THE RETURN COMMITTEE (ACRONYM FOR RELIEF, EDUCATION, AND TRAINING OF UGANDAN REFUGEES NOW), WITH A PROPOSED BUDGET OF \$15,896,000, APPORTIONED \$11,500,000 TO EDUCATION, \$1,796,000 TO RESETTLEMENT, AND \$2,600,000 TO LOANS TO BUSINESSMEN, DOCTORS AND LAWYERS. THE PROPOSAL APPEARS GRANDIOSE, BUT IS REALLY AN IDEALIZED PROGRAM, GROUP SEEMS CONFIDENTIAL

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SINCERE AND SHOULD NOT BE UNDERESTIMATED. IT HAS FREQUENT CONTACT WITH CONGRESSMAN DIGG'S STAFF AND IS CURRENTLY COMPILING LISTS OF UGANDAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND TRYING TO IDENTIFY SCHOLARSHIPS IN BRITAIN, CANADA AND THE U.S. THEY HAVE VERY LITTLE MONEY OF THEIR OWN, AND HOPE TO RAISE FUNDS FROM PRIVATE SOURCES AND THE GOVERNMENT.

3. KIVENGERE IS PRESENTLY IN EUROPE BUT REPORTEDLY PLANS TO TRAVEL TO NAIROBI SOON TO TRY TO IMPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION OF JOHN WILSON'S ACTIVITIES. HE WILL RETURN TO THE U.S. AT THE END OF AUGUST.

4. JOHN WILSON IS AN UGANDAN NATIONAL. HE APPARENTLY ROSE TO A HIGH POSITION IN A WESTERN OIL COMPANY IN UGANDA BEFORE JOINING THE MINISTRY. HE SEEMS QUITE CAPABLE AND QUITE ATTRACTIVE PERSONALLY. HE HAS BEEN A MAJOR CONTACT FOR INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE IN NAIROBI.

5. GABARONE PASS TO AMBASSADOR CLARK. VANCE

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